

Remarks

Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Mulcahy for carefully reviewing this application. Applicants submit the following amendments to the claims and remarks. Reconsideration of the application in view of the claim amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

By the present communication claims 1-11 and 26 have been maintained in their original or previously presented form. Claims 12-25 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Thus, claims 1-26 are pending and claims 1-11 and 26 are under active prosecution.

Election of Species Requirement

Applicants hereby elect aqueous hydrogen peroxide as the oxidizing species for examination, with traverse. Claims 1-11 and 26 are believed to be generic and readable on the elected species.

Applicants disagree with the election of species requirement imposed by the Office Action and have difficulty in finding a single reason that supports the alleged lack of unity. A person of skill in the art understands what an oxidizing agent is, and how the oxidizing agent works. Furthermore, one of skill in the art understands that the selection of an oxidizing agent is dependent upon the specific situation that is presented to the skilled artisan.

Conclusion

The foregoing is a full and complete Response to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 28, 2010. Applicant has made a diligent effort to advance the prosecution of the application by responding to the pending election of species requirement. Applicant has not

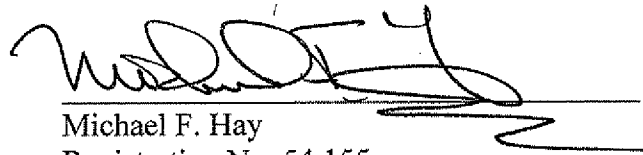
acquiesced to any rejection and reserves the right to address the patentability of any additional claim features in the future. In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of the claims and allowance are respectfully requested.

The one-month statutory period for reply expires on May 28, 2010. Applicant submits this response is timely filed. Should the Commissioner deem any fees as being due, including fees for extensions of time, the Commissioner is authorized to debit said fees from, or credit overpayments to, Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, USPTO Deposit Account Number 50-0259, Reference No. 061778.002.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned via telephone if a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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